



California Problem Gambling Treatment Services Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is CPGTSP?

CPGTSP stands for California Problem Gambling Treatment Services Program. The 2008-2009 California Governor's Budget allocated funding from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund to the Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) for the development of problem gambling treatment services for California residents. The CPGTSP will establish, for the first time, a Treatment Provider Network that will increase the number of individual therapists who specialize in treating problem and pathological gamblers and families/individuals affected by the addiction. These providers will be eligible to receive fee for service reimbursement for treating problem and pathological gamblers and affected individuals.

How do I become a treatment provider in the CPGTSP?

To become an authorized provider in the CPGTSP, therapists are required to attend state funded training focusing on the treatment of problem and pathological gambling. Training consists of four eight hour days, and provides the opportunity to obtain up to 30 Continuing Education Units' (CE Units) for MFT's, LCSW's, and PhD/PsyD's.

Therapists who meet the below listed criteria must submit an application to UCLA Gambling Studies Program for admittance into the training. The application is located on the OPG website at <http://www.adp.ca.gov/OPG/index.shtml>.

- Must possess a licensed clinical degree, current and in good standing: Doctor of Medicine (MD); Doctor of Psychology (PsyD); Doctor of Psychology (PhD); Doctor of Osteopathy (DO); Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT); or Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).
- No violations or pending actions as a result of a formal complaint to the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, Board of Psychology, and Medical Board of California
- Current malpractice insurance
- Must have a HIPPA compliant personal computer with Internet access

How do I register for CPGTSP trainings?

Eligibility criteria and application are located on the OPG website at <http://www.adp.ca.gov/OPG/index.shtml>. The application, located at <http://www.adp.ca.gov/OPG/index.shtml>, also serves as a registration form.

Is there a fee to attend CPGTSP trainings?

The CPGTSP does not require a registration fee for the 4-day training. However, participants will be responsible for all travel and accommodation expenses.

When is the next CPGTSP training?

There are four trainings currently scheduled in Long Beach, San Diego, San Francisco, and Riverside. These four trainings are filled to capacity at 50 providers, with over 60 additional applications on waiting lists. Future trainings will be listed on the OPG website at <http://www.adp.ca.gov/OPG/index.shtml>.

How do I know I have been approved to be a provider in the CPGTSP?

Providers will receive a letter signed by the Deputy Director of the Office of Problem Gambling. This letter will indicate an implementation date to begin fee for service reimbursement from the state and information on the Data Management System.

When will I receive the letter stating I am an approved provider in the Treatment Provider Network?

OPG anticipates sending authorization packets early September, 2010. Providers will receive an approval letter once all documentation has been completed and received at UCLA and a contract has been executed.

When can I start invoicing for services?

Providers may begin invoicing once they have received an approval letter from OPG's Deputy Director, signed all necessary documents, contracted with the State (UCLA), and received training on the Data Management System.

If I have completed the necessary paperwork and attended the 30 hour CPGTSP training when will I be able to start seeing clients?

As a therapist you are free to utilize the knowledge and tools gained to treat problem and pathological gamblers. Until you receive a letter signed by the Deputy Director of the Office Problem Gambling you will not be eligible to receive fee for services reimbursement from the state.